

# SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

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**June 13, 2021**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

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PRELUDE

Chappell Kingsland, Piano

“Pagodas” from Estampes  
Debussy

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Russ Kirby (VIDEO)

RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Deborah Barnard

One: Author of us all,

**Many: We come to hear the stories of your people.**

One: So many now and down through history,

**Many: And throughout our Bible, too...**

One: All have different faith journeys,

**Many: And all are God’s Children.**

One: We celebrate each one in Christ’s name.

**All: Praise be to God!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Lead On Eternal Sovereign*

*NCH #573*

**Lead on eternal Sovereign,  
we follow in your way;  
loud rings your cry for justice,  
your call for peace this day:  
Through prayerful preparation,  
your grace will make us strong,  
to carry on the struggle  
to triumph over wrong.**

**Lead on eternal Sovereign,  
we follow not with fear,  
for in each human conflict  
your words of strength we hear:  
That when we serve with gladness,  
you will not let us fall,  
our trust is in your promise  
that love will conquer all.**

**Lead on eternal Sovereign,  
till sins' fierce war shall cease,  
and all your saints together  
will sing a hymn of peace;  
Then all in your dominion  
will live with hearts set free,  
to love and serve each other  
for all eternity.**

UNISON PRAYER

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**Loving One, we come to you as we are, where we are. Some of us don't have much, whether money, or faith, or joy or hope... Yet you love us regardless of what we have. You wrap us in your strong arms and we find we have it all in you. Thank you, O God. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Sanctuary*

*Thompson and Scruggs*

**Lord prepare me To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary For you. (Repeat)**

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:41-44

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<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

NRSV

THE MESSAGE

**"What a Character!"  
The Widow's 2 Cents**

Amanda Newsome

Amanda Shaw Newsome is a Member in Discernment with the UCC Metro Denver Association. She holds a Master's in Divinity from Iliff School of Theology and a Bachelor's in Journalism from the University of Kansas.

Prior to her journey to ministry, Amanda was an Emmy-winning producer for public television. She's a mama to Kate (13) and Oscar (10) and partner to Britt (48). When she's not storytelling/ministering, she can be found improvising in the kitchen, hiking with her dogs, or shuttling people in her minivan.

INVITATION & OFFERTORY

Chappell Kingsland, Piano

“Gardens in the Rain” from Estampes  
Debussy

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that Love has done,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

Norma Hansen

PASTORAL PRAYER

Norma Hansen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Norma Hansen

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Hymnal #769

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Stice

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Take My Life, God, Let It Be*

NCH #448

**Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.  
Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.  
Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.**

**Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwelling place.**

**Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.**

**Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.**

\*BENEDICTION

Norma Hansen

Leader: May the Peace of God go with you.

**People: And also with you. Amen.**

\*SENDING FORTH

*Halleluja*

*NCH #236*

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!**

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!**

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!**

**Halleluja, hallelujah!**

POSTLUDE

Debussy (Reprise)

Chappell Kingsland, Piano

*\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit.*



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# **WELCOME TO SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!**

Whether you are a guest or a member, thank you for worshipping with us.

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## **THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

Sun. **9:30 am Worship**

Mon. 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tues. **10:00 am Bible Study**

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wed. **6:00 pm Virtual Community Social**

Sun. **9:30 am Worship**

(20<sup>th</sup>) **11:00 am Father's Day BBQ**



## **SALEM CHURCH OFFICE**

Office Hours:

Monday 3-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-6pm

Friday: 10am-6pm

Pastor Russ will be in Monday-Wednesday.



## **MISSIONS**

The mission for June is Archway clothing drive. We will be collecting gently cleaned and used clothing for Archway's new clothing store on the 20th and 27th. Drop-offs are also available anytime the week of June 20-27th in the Narthex.

